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March 12, 2017
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In Lent

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Our Mission Statement

We, the St. Margaret Parish Community, are a Catholic Parish of diverse ages, backgrounds and gifts. We dedicate ourselves to our personal relationship with Jesus and to growing as a community of faith. We endeavor to serve the community through education, service and social ministries and commit ourselves to the nurturing of the spiritual life by celebrating the sacraments, by enriching our life of prayer and by deepening our understanding of the Scriptures. We strive to reach out and respond to the changing needs of our community.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE
PARISH CALENDAR OR
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
EMAIL:
PARISHCALENDAR@AOL.COM

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- MON. MARCH 13 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Ruth O'Hehir
9:00 Josie Dorsaneo
6:30PM Stations of the Cross - Italian
- TUE. MARCH 14 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Angelina Fischetti (ANNI)
9:00 Attilio & Elvia Viola
- WED. MARCH 15 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Jimmy O'Reilly
9:00 Filippo & Leonardo Curatolo
9:30 Stations of the Cross - English
- THU. MARCH 16 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 James Cuggy
9:00 Albert & Julia Paetzig
- FRI. MARCH 17 - ST. PATRICK/
DISPENSATION GRANTED FOR
EATING MEAT**
7:00 The Rice & Minogue Families
9:00 Robert Narky
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - English
- SAT. MARCH 18 - ST. CYRIL OF
JERUSALEM**
8:30 Collective: Raymond Mis (ANNI)/
Lydia Kramer/
5:00PM Lt. Michael Maloney, FDNY (ANNI)
- SUN. MARCH 19 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**
7:30 People of the Parish
9:00 San Giuseppe/Giuseppe Porretto/
Salvatore Palmeri/Giuseppe e Calogero
Caruso/Calogero e Salvatore DiMaggio/
Michael Varvaro/Giacomo Amato/
10:30 Thomas G. Demery
NOON George Caccioppo
5:00PM Megan Garczynski

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF MASSES & SERVICES

- SATURDAY VIGIL:** 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:00 (Italian),
10:30, 12:00 & 5:00PM
WEEKDAYS: Varies (See listing above)
CONFESSIONS: **SATURDAY, 4-4:45pm**
or by appointment with
a priest.

PARISH INFORMATION

If you're not registered, please stop into the Rectory office. THE PARISH OFFICE is open from Monday through Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 7:30 pm. Please respect these hours for your Rectory office business. Thank you.

BAPTISMS take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory for an appointment and to register your child.

WEDDINGS MUST be scheduled at least six months in advance by appointment with a priest or a deacon. Please call the rectory office. For marriage preparation information visit www.pre-cana.org.

THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Convent meeting room. Call Ann at 718-326-7785.

NOVENA to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal...Mondays after the 9 am Mass.

MORNING PRAYER daily from Monday through Friday at 8:45 am.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #119 meets on Tuesdays from 7:15-9 pm. New members are welcome, age 10 1/2 & up. Call 718-894-4099.

CUB PACK #119 meets on Mondays from 7-8:30pm. New members welcome, age 6 to 10-1/2. Call 718-894-4099.

THE ENGLISH CHOIR rehearses on Tuesday, at 7:30 pm. in the Church.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR rehearses on Monday, from 6-7 pm in the Church. For more info. DnDSingit@aol.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Karen Guarascio, Connie Faccibene, Eileen Hinrichs, Linda Frazier, Angela Lenihan, Carol Falk, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, David J. McConville, Ronald Frazier, John Downer, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, Patricia Johnson, Scott White, Bob Schaefer, Rose Marie Santos, Bernice Muller, Maria Millocca, Baby McKinley Kelleher, Isabelle Azzaro, Lucy Lento, Sean Harrison, Richard Santangelo, Michael Russo, Frank Cesare, Joseph Simon, Joseph Stubbs, Justin James Quirke, Rose Healy, Parrish Wert, Michael Hirst, Matteo Sabini, Carmen Melendez, Jim O'Driscoll, Jeanette Spartaro, Linda Castagna, Elizabeth Ott, Marion Caracciola, Baby Keila Mary Champoli, Brooke and Alexa Renda, The Ferrugio Family, Dorothy Mai, Marc Gandasegui, Bob & Karen Schaefer, Maureen Harvey, Sandra Slattery, Shirley Chesley, Jim Daniels, Lola Anderson, Roberta Polce,

The names will remain for 3 months ONLY,
unless you call 326-1911 and ask for continued prayers

Prayer Requests

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Please pray for our men and women from our Parish serving in the defense of our country:
Lt. Col. Thomas Frohnhoefer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici

WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

*Epecially, Theresa Schabhutti,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Ruth O'Hehir at the request of The O'Hehir Family.

SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR

CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Ruth O'Hehir at the Request of The O'Hehir Family.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Michael Machado at the request of St. Margaret Rectory Staff.



***May your troubles be less
and your blessings be more
and nothing but happiness
come through your door***

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,
21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:
16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2,
5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins;
Girl Scouting Sunday

Friday: St. Patrick, Dispensation granted

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem



APOSTOLATO ITALIANO

L'Apostolato Nazionale Italiano (NIAC) offrirà una Giornata di Preghiera al Centro Pastorale Immacolata Concezione il Sabato, Marzo, dalle 9:30 della mattina. Consisterà di opportunità per preghiera, la Messa, e il Rosario, e presentazioni dal Padre Giacomo Sgroi della Diocesi di Monreal in Sicilia. Il costo è \$20 per persona con pranzo caldo incluso, ma *senza trasporto*. Per prenotazioni, chiamate Padre Armato prima del 12 Marzo.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed "house churches," gathering on the Lord's Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisus. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick.

DO YOU HAVE AN IPHONE OR AN ANDROID PHONE?

Want to keep up with St. Margaret's news? Download our parish app. Daily Mass readings, prayers, bulletins and more. Just text the word "APP" to 88202 or search "My Parish App" in Google Play Store or App Store.

YOU'RE INVITED TO CONTINUE ON YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY AT FAMILY MASS

Sunday, March 12th at 10:30am
God's voice speaks to us. He invites us to walk with His Son, Jesus. Be sure to bring a friend and neighbor along on your travels with our Parish Family. (Students: Don't forget your "promise" for the cross)

MAGGIE'S LITTLE THEATER at St. Margaret Parish

announces tickets are on sale for our Spring production of "***Something's Afoot***".
Sat. March 18th at 8:00 pm, Sun. March 19th at 2:30 pm, Fri. March 24th at 8:00 pm
Sat. March 25th at 8:00 pm, Sun. March 26th at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$12 for children 11 and under.

To reserve tickets online visit
www.maggieslittletheater.org/tickets.

You can also reserve by calling 917-579-5389. This zany musical murder mystery thriller is (very) loosely based on Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None", aka "Ten Little Indians".

AVOID PARKING TICKETS

Last year over 1.3 million parking tickets were issued in Queens County alone. Please be mindful of where you park your car when coming to Mass. Remember that, for fire safety reasons, the front of the church is a no-parking zone

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

is conducting it's 5th Annual Lenten Fundraiser for *Bridge to Life*, a crisis pregnancy center in Queens. This year we are asking for funds to provide pre-natal and post-partum care for the moms and neo-natal care for the newborns. The campaign will run through Good Friday, April 14th. Checks (made out to Bridge to Life) and cash should be placed in the red-printed envelopes on the radiators in Church, and put into the collection baskets. Please make this campaign your Lenten sacrifice. Thank you.

**THE JOURNEY
OF TRANSFIGURATION**

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. “Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away. By standing still.” This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

**THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL
FOOD PANTRY
is located at 66-25 79 Place
The pantry is open on
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
from 10am to 12 Noon.**

**SAINT MARGARET
GIFT SHOP**

open Wednesdays, 12pm - 4pm
Saturdays, 4pm - 5pm and
Sundays, 9am - 1pm

We have a selection of religious goods:
Rosaries - Medals - Gifts - Crucifixes
Statues - Bibles and other books
AND MORE!

If we don’t have it, we’ll try to get it for you. The Gift Shop is located in the rectory. Please use the red side door in the parking lot.
If the door is closed, please knock.



**ST. MARGARET’S
YONKERS EMPIRE
CITY BUS TRIP
Monday, March 20th.**

The bus will be in front of the Church and will **leave promptly at 9am.** The cost is \$23.00/p.

For reservations/information call

Betty, 718-326-0198

**ONE LUCKY PERSON
WILL WIN A FREE RIDE
ON OUR APRIL TRIP!**

IRISH NIGHT DINNER-DANCE

Pat Minogue would like to thank Sr. Bridget, Debbie Barrett, Betty Coccaro, Susan Conti, John DeBiase, Sheila DeBiase, Mary Harrison, Ann, Tom & Angela Lenihan, Kathy Loftus, Bridie Mitchell and her granddaughters Jane Murdoch and Maureen Postel for all of their help with this year’s successful Irish Night Dinner-Dance.

Not only did they help with the dance, but they also donated to the raffle baskets. Also, congratulations to Ray Barrett who won the 50/50. Finally, thank you to all of our guests who supported the event.

We hope to see you again next year!

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!!

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Tour Tuesdays . . . openings for September 2017 .
. . . call the office to RSVP.

Some classes are only taking waiting lists.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

TENTATIVELY

Designer Bag Bingo on Friday, April 7th.
Bonjourney Tribute Band, Friday, April 28th
tickets going on sale soon.

LENTEN CROSS

ASH WEDNESDAY began the 40 days of *LENT*.

The ashes we received are an outward sign that at times, we sin, and a reminder that we are not as close to Jesus as we could be. This new season of *LENT*

gives us the opportunity to ask ourselves,

“Am I the best Christian I can be”?

How often are we given the chance to begin new again? On a personal level, as a family and as Christian community, we can use these forty days to renew our relationship with God and the promises made when we were baptized.

Take a moment to look at the large *LENTEN CROSS* in church. The cross will fill and grow with the promises of prayers, acts of kindness and good deeds and so many personal sacrifices made by the young people of our parish. It is a wonderful chance for the students of our Parish Academy and Faith Formation

Program to make an effort to be more like Jesus.

Watch how the cross will change and grow these 40 days. It's a very big Cross to fill and carry.

Encourage the children and pray for their efforts to change and grow in faith and love for Jesus.

ON THE WEEKEND OF

March 18/19, one of our Eagle Scout candidates will be speaking at every Mass, regarding a “food drive” which they will be sponsoring.

Please be as generous as possible.

ST. MARGARET'S LUCKY NUMBER 2017

Feb. 24 -	013	No Winner
Feb. 25 -	928	C/T Doherty (b)
Feb. 26 -	903	D. Berwanger (s) E. Hockley (b) J. Doherty (b)
Feb. 27 -	791	D. Berwanger (b)
Feb. 28 -	423	Msgr. Badia (s) J. Perry (b) F. Patuto (b)
Mar. 01 -	896	No Winner
Mar. 02 -	966	No Winner

HELP SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Buy a “LUCKY NUMBER”

based on NY State Lottery, every evening of the year. Single

Subscriptions: \$60.00,

two or more subscriptions, \$50.00 each.

Call Patti C, 718-639-2263

for more information.

GIVE UP YOUR ENVELOPES!

We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with *Faith Direct* will provide St. Margaret Parish with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code **NY299**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK UP

will take place next Sunday, March 19th from 8:30am to 12:30pm. The truck will be on 79th Place for your donations.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE
ITEMS AT THE RECTORY**

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